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AMENDMENT

In response to the official Action of March 4, 2009, for which a response is due June 4, 2009, the examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following amendment and remarks.

Any additional fees associated with this response may be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin at page 28 of this paper.

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By Christine M. Don **MERCK & CO., INC.** Date 3/23/09